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DDS&T Carl E. Duckett Memo for DDCI/NIPE 28 June 1967 DDS&T 2674-6;
/secret/, sub: Proposed New Committee on Information Handling

He was in agreement with the view that this was a subject warranting establishing such a committee, and that CODIB had done quite well in a generally uninformed and often hostile environment; that the problem in info handling in a Community context had not been defined; and that the advent of the computer and its application to problems of limited scope had tended to lead to over-optimism; within the DOD as to the feasibility of a Community information network.

He also favored Gen. Taylor chair the new committee.

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Equipment

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IBM 7010 discontinued.

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SECURITY

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By the end of FY 1967, OCS Computer Center was handling seven different categories of special compartmented data.

OCS had to continually evaluate its practices for controlling and handling sensitive data and review from time to time was made by reps of the Office of Security of those procedures.

Equipment

20 July 1967

IBM 360/20(1) first of 2 such systems installed - acceptance test to begin 24 July 67 -

22 Aug. 67
acceptance test passed w/ effectiveness of 96.4% -

3RD GENERATION:

In the OCS contribution to the FY 67 annual report to PFIAB Mr. Briggs noted that

The installation of third-generation computer systems has demonstrated the ability of equipment mfrs to design and construct computer hardware with much improved capabilities: larger and faster memories, improved intermediate storage devices (disc units, data cells, etc.) and a wide range of terminal console devices for man-machine communications over great distances (cathode ray tube displays, telecommunications terminals, etc.). However, the complementary software (computer programs and operating systems) to exploit fully this hardware capability has not been produced by equipment manufacturers on a schedule which matches hardware production, nor has the performance of the software been efficient.

The application of real-time or near real-time computer systems for the processing and interpretation of raw intelligence data or for storage and retrieval of indexed intel info has not kept pace w/the intel analyst's interest in or need for such systems.

Dissatisfaction with the productivity of 3rd generation computer systems was expressed directly to IBM and adjustments followed, reducing CIA rental costs, and putting pressure on IBM to improve software.

Active recruitment of highly skilled computer technicians enabled OCS to improve its professional cadre so that time-sharing systems and other advanced techniques could be developed in-house to meet the increased analyst interest in such techniques.

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With the FY 1968 OCS staffing authorization, a Training Officer was added to the staff of the D/CS.

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